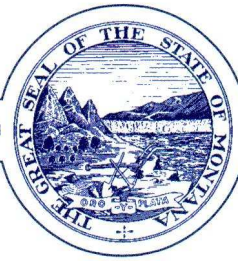


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Proclamation by Director Mike Ferriter Montana Department of Corrections

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 15-2007 of July 16, 2007, has proclaimed an emergency to exist statewide in the State of Montana due to extremely hazardous fire conditions.

WHEREAS, the hot and dry conditions are predicted to continue through the summer months and into early fall;

WHEREAS, Montana Correctional Enterprises, a division of the Department of Corrections, operates a cattle ranch and other agricultural and correctional training activities on state and private lands within Powell County;

WHEREAS, Montana State Prison, a division of the Department of Corrections, operates its facility on Montana Correctional Enterprise lands within Powell County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department of Corrections, including Montana Correctional Enterprises and Montana State Prison, in accordance with Executive Order No. 15-2007 makes the following proclamation. Nothing herein is intended to limit the executive order, but to further clarify that:

Effective immediately, designated Montana Correctional Enterprise Ranch land will be closed to public access until further notice. This notice will delay the start of land access for the use by archery hunters on the MCE Ranch land.

Once the imminent danger of wildfire has ceased, Montana Correctional Enterprises will reopen the land access for archery hunting, with limitations in place.

Any other public land access on MCE Ranch land must be authorized in writing by the MCE administrator.

DATED this 20th day of August, 2007

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mike Ferriter", written over a horizontal line.

Mike Ferriter
Director
Montana Department of Corrections